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MSCP FINDINGS (BLOSSOM VALLEY MINI-STORAGE; STP 04-009)

Summary

The project proposes a mini-storage facility located to the northwest of Old Highway 80 southeast of Los Coches Road in Lakeside, in an unincorporated area of San Diego County. The proposed five storage units will have a total floor area of 34,260 square feet on a 2.1-acre portion of assessor parcels 397-291-01,03 and all of parcel 397-291-02. A small public road with a cul-de sac, an office space and 12 parking spaces are also proposed. No caretaker/residence is proposed. The project site is located within the Metro-Lakeside-Jamul segment of the County's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan. The project is therefore required to conform to the MSCP and the Biological Mitigation Ordinance.

Statement of Fact

There are no sensitive habitats or species within the proposed project area. The site is entirely disturbed. As a Tier IV habitat, no on-site preservation is required and impacts to disturbed lands do not require mitigation under the Biological Mitigation Ordinance. No impacts to wildlife corridors or linkages will occur as the project site does not support geological, topographic or habitat features that would function in a corridor capacity. Furthermore, the site is not classified as a Biological Resource Core Area as it is not within the Pre-Approved Mitigation Area, is not within or adjacent to a large block of undisturbed habitat, is not mapped as having high habitat value and does not support sensitive species. Given the current site conditions and the surrounding land uses, development of this project will not hinder the formation of a future preserve system.

Conclusion

After consideration of the above facts, the proposed project is found to be in conformance with the Multiple Species Conservation Program and the Biological Mitigation Ordinance.